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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages _____ 1-19 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____ 1-26 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
pages _____ 1/9-9/9 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

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These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-26	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-26	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE 44 13 661 A (JOURNEE PAUL SA)

17 November 1994 (1994-11-17)

1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) because the subject matter of the independent claim is not novel.

1.1 D1, which is considered to represent the closest prior art in relation to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses (the references in parentheses are to this document):

Wiper blade having a connecting element (cf. figure 1) which is attached to a supporting element (1, 2, 3) of the wiper blade and has a hinge (7, 8) of a joint, the free end of said pin being connected to a wiper rod (via connecting member 30), the joint (7, 8) comprising a cap element (12, 13) which covers the connecting element (cf. figures 2 and 3) and is

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Applicant SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT		

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- ☒ the description:
pages _____ 5-11 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____ 1-4, 4a, 4b _____, filed with the letter of _____ 22 April 2004 (22.04.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____ 1-10 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 22 April 2004 (22.04.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
pages _____ 1/5-5/5 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
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	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE 198 14 331 A (DORNIER MEDTECH)

14 October 1999 (1999-10-14)

D2: SU 1 747 188 A (SHIP ELEC ENG TECHN INST)

15 July 1992 (1992-07-15)

The subject matter of the invention is an electric circuit for an electromagnetic source for generating acoustic waves (independent claim 1).

The closest prior art is represented by D1, which discloses (the references in parentheses are to this document) an electric circuit for an electromagnetic source (10) for generating acoustic waves, wherein the electric circuit comprises a capacitor (C1) that is connected in parallel to a series circuit comprising a second capacitor (C2) and a valve (7). D1 does not disclose the characterizing features of claim 1:

- (i) that the first valve is connected such that, after the two capacitors have been charged, it remains nonconductive during discharge of the first capacitor as long as the first capacitor is

charged with a greater voltage than the second capacitor and becomes conductive as soon as the charging voltage of the first capacitor, which discharges first, at least substantially equals the charging voltage of the second capacitor, whereby the second capacitor begins to discharge and the two discharging capacitors supply the coil of the electromagnetic source with current.

D2 likewise fails to disclose the features (i).

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem addressed by the invention is that of enabling the properties of the acoustic waves to be varied.

The problem is solved by the features (i), which permit the capacitance of the electric circuit to be arranged so as to be variable in relation to time, whereby the waveform of the current flowing through the coil of the electromagnetic source and thus, in turn, the properties of the acoustic waves generated are likewise variable. Neither D1 nor D2 suggests to a person skilled in the art solving the above-indicated problem by the features (i).

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application therefore involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.